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SUBJ: PRAGUE QUADRENNIAL

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1. P&C OFFICER MET WITH JARMILA GABRIELOVA ON APRIL 30  
ACCOMPANIED BY IREX DRAMA PROFESSOR JARKA BURIAN AND  
LEARNED THE FOLLOWING DETAILS:

A. FOURTH OISTT CONGRESS WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 5-9, 1976  
AT PRAGUE CLUB OF CULTURE AND EDUCATION IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
PRAGUE QUADRENNIAL. THEME IS "THE TRAINING OF SCENOGRAPHERS  
AND THEATER TECHNICIANS". USITT INVITED AND EXPECTED TO  
PARTICIPATE.

B. PRAGUE QUADRENNIAL WILL BE HELD FROM JANUARY 7-28, 1976  
AT BRUSSELS PAVILION IN FUCIK PARK. OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN  
CORRESPONDING WITH ROSAMOND GILDER, PRESIDENT, INTERNATIONAL  
THEATER INSTITUTE OF THE U.S., INC.; 245 WEST 52ND STREET,  
NEW YORK, N.Y. 10019 (TEL. CI-5-3950). THEY HAVE TENTATIVELY  
RESERVED TWO HUNDRED SQUARE METERS FOR U.S. EXHIBIT BASED ON  
"CONTEMPORARY STAGE DESIGN-USA" WHICH WAS ORGANIZED FOR THIS  
PURPOSE AND RECENTLY SHOWN AT LINCOLN CENTER. FINAL APPLICATION  
MUST BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 15. SLOGAN OF QUADRENNIAL IS  
"CONTEMPORARY THEATER AND ITS EFFORTS FOR PEACE, TRUTH, AND  
JUSTICE".

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2. EXHIBITIONS HAVE BEEN DIVIDED INTO THREE CATEGORIES:

A. STAGE AND COSTUME DESIGN SECTION (BOTH INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PARTICIPATION AND PRIZES; BRUSSELS PAVILION; TOTAL SPACE AVAILABLE 5,000 SQUARE METERS); USITT SHOW "CONTEMPORARY STAGE DESIGN-USA" WOULD BE HERE;

B. THEMATIC SECTION IN SUPPORT OF OISTT CONGRESS ON "TRAINING OF SCENOGRAPHERS AND THEATER TECHNICIANS" (NO PRIZES, AND ONLY 300 SQUARE METERS AVAILABLE IN NEARBY HALL);

C. STAGE ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNIQUES SECTION (NEARBY HALL WITH TOTAL AREA OF 600 SQUARE METERS). ACCORDING TO LETTER FROM JOEL RUBIN TO BURIAN OF MARCH 18, U.S. INSTITUTE FOR THEATER TECHNOLOGY, INC. (USITT) HAS PREPARED A SMALL EXHIBIT FOR THIS SECTION.

3. RUBIN LETTER ALSO CONTAINED MINUTES OF MARCH 14 MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL LIAISON COMMITTEE OF THE USITT WHICH OUTLINES PLANS AND BUDGET FOR BOTH OISTT CONGRESS AND QUADRENNIAL PARTICIPATION. ONLY PROBLEMS AT THIS STAGE APPEAR TO BE EMBASSY SUPPORT AND FUNDING OF EXHIBITION AND PARTICIPANTS. IN VIEW OF RESPECTED INTERNATIONAL STATURE OF THIS EVENT AND ABSENCE U.S. PARTICIPATION IN BOTH 1967 AND 1971, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS SUPPORT BE GIVEN TO 1976 U.S. PARTICIPATION. COPY OF EXHIBIT CATALOG (163 PP) INDICATES IT WOULD BE OUTSTANDING AND REPRESENTATIVE COLLECTION OF THE BEST WORK BEING DONE IN THIS FIELD IN U.S.

4. IN EVENT AGENCY/DEPARTMENT SUPPORT DEVELOPS FOR FURTHER EE SHOWINGS THIS EXHIBIT, POST FORESEES JUSTIFICATION ONE-TWO STAG GRANTS PERMITTING BROADENED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN OISTT CONGRESS AND/OR CURATOR/LECTURER TRAVEL IN CONJUNCTION WITH PRAGUE AND OTHER COUNTRY SHOWINGS.

5. SMALL EXHIBIT APPROPRIATE TO DISPLAY DESCRIBED IN 2B ABOVE AND INCLUDING SUITABLE TEXTBOOKS WOULD BE USEFUL ADJUNCT TO CENTRAL EFFORT. REQUEST ICS/DA CONSULT WITH RUBIN/GILDER AND ADVISE POST THROUGH IEE OF POSSIBILITIES.

6. UPON RECEIPT MEETING MINUTES AND COPIES OF PRAGUE QUADRENNIAL CIRCULARS (ALL BEING POUCHED), AGENCY SHOULD BE BETTER ABLE TO CONSIDER QUESTION U.S. SUPPORT AND ADVISE POST OF PROPOSED UNCLASSIFIED

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